

REMARKS

Applicant acknowledges with appreciation the Examiner's allowance of claims 88-91. Claims 76, 78, and 80-86 are amended to place them in dependent form from allowed claim 88. New claims 92-100 are added and depend from allowed claim 89. Claims 75 and 87 are cancelled without prejudice and Applicant reserves the right to pursue the cancelled claims in a continuation application. Claims 1-74 were previously cancelled without prejudice.

This amendment adds no new issues and requires no additional searching by the Examiner. It merely cancels the rejected independent claim, amends the dependent claims to incorporate subject matter indicated as allowable, and adds new claims that also recite subject matter indicated as allowable. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner enter this amendment and pass the application on to issue.

Claims 75-85 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. patent 6,087,674 ("Ovshinsky et al.") in view of U.S. patent 6,017,818 ("Lu") and in view of U.S. patent 5,877,087 ("Mosely"). Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

Claim 75 is cancelled. In view of the amendment to claims 76-85, which places these claims in dependent form from independent and allowed claim 88, each of claims 76-85 is patentable. Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection of claims 76-85 be withdrawn.

Claim 86 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ovshinsky et al. in view of Lu and in view of Mosely and in view of U.S. patent 5,246,881 ("Sandhu et al."). Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

In view of the amendment to claim 86, which places this claim in dependent form from independent and allowed claim 88, claim 86 is patentable. Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection of claim 86 be withdrawn.

Claims 87 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ovshinsky et al. in view of Lu and in view of Mosely and in view of the Ward et al. publication. Claim 87 is cancelled.

In view of the above amendment, applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance. A notice of allowance for all pending claims, i.e., claims 76-86 and 88-100, is respectfully requested.

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